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The Honorable Tom Rooney  
2160 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Rooney:

On behalf of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, we applaud and support your efforts to restore Congressional authority to fund projects constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation via the annual appropriations process.

Broward County is currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers on multiple projects that benefit the County, the State of Florida and the nation as a whole. The Port Everglades deepening and widening project is essential to both safety and economic development at the port. The larger, modern ships arriving at Port Everglades require more room to maneuver. Accommodating these ships is economically necessary as Port Everglades is our nation's leading gateway for trade with Latin America. Additionally, we have multiple federally authorized beach nourishment projects that are essential for storm damage protection, preservation of natural habitat and recreational purposes. We support Congressional authority to direct funding to these and other essential Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects throughout the nation.

Please continue your efforts to restore Congressionally-directed spending authority to the appropriations process for water resource projects of importance. Thank you for your continued work on behalf of Broward County and the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara Sharief".

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